

Key Items

1. GPSC Strategic Direction

Assistant Deputy Minister Doug Hughes joined the GPSC to discuss how the ministry's strategy relates to the implementation of the new, shared strategic direction as articulated in the communique that was sent out by the GPSC co-chairs on April 14. That communique articulates a shared purpose to support full service family physicians, and to enable family practices to evolve towards a model that optimizes their ability to provide comprehensive primary care services in response to the needs of patients in their community. The GPSC focused its discussions on how its strategic direction could be supported and resourced as we begin the implementation, with an emphasis on supporting physicians to evolve their practices, network together and supporting the regional and local partnership work with health authorities.

One of the planned means of consultation with GPs will take place at the upcoming Divisions event on June 16 and 17.

Later, Executive Director Mark Armitage presented the ministry's Health Human Resources strategic plan. Following the presentations, the committee members discussed the alignment between the ministry's future plans for primary care, and the GPSC's strategic direction.

2. Divisions of Family Practice

- a. The GPSC approved the process for allocating the interim funds that will support physician participation in the Seniors Prototype and Patient Medical Home/Primary Care Home planning activities currently under way in partnership with health authorities in local communities. Divisions that are interested in accessing this interim funding can contact Susan Climie, Business Supports Lead, at sclimie@doctorsofbc.ca.
- b. The GPSC approved innovation funds to the Vancouver Division in response to its proposal to undertake a one-day maternity care 'train the trainer' workshop in Vancouver for all interested divisions. The purpose of the workshop will be for family physicians to train family physician colleagues to more confidently provide maternity care to their patients, thereby improving the patient-provider experience and enhancing current continuity of care practices.

Divisions that are interested in participating in the 'train the trainer' workshop can contact Gillian McDonald, Interim Strategic Director, Vancouver Division of Family Practice, at 604 569 2010 or gmcdonald@divisionsbc.ca.

3. A GP for Me

The GPSC acknowledged the March 31, 2016 milestone; and that although implementation of the initiative is winding down, the work will continue to transform primary care and improve access for patients. The committee extends its thanks to each division and all the partners for their ongoing efforts as activities and innovations continue through timeline extensions, impact funding and practice-level incentive fees. The committee looks forward to the evaluation process ahead, to learn more about the initiative's impact and learnings to date.

On October 27 and 28, there will be a summit to showcase the work of A GP for Me and an opportunity to ensure this work bridges to the new strategic direction. More information, including a Save the Date notice, will be forthcoming.

4. Health Data Coalition (HDC)

GPSC received an update from the EMR vendor partnership meeting, which was convened by the Doctors Technology Office (DTO). The GPSC agreed to endorse a letter of support of HDC to all EMR vendors to encourage the vendors to partner with HDC in support of development of QI measurements, self-reflective practices, and population health.